

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Promoter/State	Capacity (MW)	Estimated completed cost
5.	Maheshwar HEP, M/s. Shree Maheshwar Hydel Power Corp Ltd., Madhya Pradesh.	400	US\$ 213.29 Million + Rs. 812.09 Crs. (1 US\$ = Rs. 35.50)
6.	Dhamwari Sunda HEP, M/s. Dhamwari Power Co., Himachal Pradesh.	70	US\$ 10.91 Million + Rs. 393.04 crores (1 US\$ = Rs. 43/-)

As per the tentative financial package submitted at the time of techno-economic clearance by the promoters of the projects indicated at Serial No. 3—6 above, the estimated capital cost of the project includes investment by foreign companies. The actual amount of foreign investment involved will crystallize only after these projects achieve financial closure and complete construction.

#### Electrification of villages in Arunachal Pradesh

1149. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have formulated any concrete scheme for electrification of the villages in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of villages in the State that have been electrified, so far; and

(d) by when, all the villages of State are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Rural Electrification has now been included under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY).

Finance Minister in his Speech while presenting the Union Budget for 2001-2002 has announced that a package of initiatives is being launched by the Government to improve the power distribution system in rural areas. This includes:

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- (i) Completion of electrification of bulk of the remaining villages in the next six years.
- (ii) Extension of assistance to the States for village electrification works under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) whose funding is being augmented.
- (iii) Stepping up credit support from Rural Electrification Corporation to SEBs for speedy electrification of dalit bastis; households of scheduled tribes and other weaker sections of society;
- (iv) Improving the quality of power supply in villages.
- (v) Augmentation of distribution networks in rural areas supported by REC under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP).
- (vi) Earmarking a sum of Rs. 750 crores out of RIDF by allowing it to float capital gains tax exemption bonds along with NABARD and NHAI under Section 54 EC of the Income Tax Act.

The un-electrified villages in the State of Arunachal Pradesh would get covered accordingly. As per CEA's statistics, out of total 3649 inhabited villages (1991 census), 2206 villages have been reported to be electrified as on 31st March, 2001. In addition, a scheme for electrification of 60 villages at a cost of Rs. 897 lakhs has also been approved for implementation out of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

Government have set the goal of 100% electrification of villages feasible to be connected with the Grid by 2007. The remote villages are proposed to be electrified using non-conventional sources of energy by the year 2012.

#### **Fast track power projects**

1150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fast track power projects sanctioned, so far;
- (b) the target fixed for making them operational;